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May 31, 2011

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
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ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

59 May 31, 2011

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**AWARD OF A PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
COLORADO BOULEVARD STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF EAST PASADENA
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to award a public works construction contract for Colorado Boulevard Streetscape Improvements and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute a contract for work in the unincorporated community of East Pasadena.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to prepare the construction contract in the form previously approved by County Counsel, execute the contract, and establish the effective date following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material Bonds and insurance filed by the contractor for Project ID No. RDC0015182 – Colorado Boulevard Streetscape Improvements to reconstruct medians; construct landscaping, irrigation systems, river rock paving, and a monument sign; in the unincorporated community of East Pasadena, to America West Landscape, Inc., in the amount of \$324,191.19.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to obtain approval from your Board to award this construction contract and authorize the Director of Public Works (Director) or her designee to execute the contract and establish the effective contract date following receipt of approved Faithful

Performance and Labor and Materials Bonds and insurance filed by the contractor for this project.

On February 1, 2011, Agenda Item 32, your Board approved the project, adopted the plans and specifications, called for bids to be received on March 1, 2011, and instructed the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise the project.

The enclosure includes the project description, the call for bids and bid opening date, a tabulation of bids, and financial information. The certified record of receipt of bids and the original bid proposal are also enclosed for this project.

The recommended construction contract is necessary to execute a Board-directed and approved Department of Public Works (Public Works) project in support of operational missions. Your Board's approval of the recommended contract award and the subsequent execution of the contract will ensure the timely completion of the project.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). Awarding this contract will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public and will enhance the quality of life in the affected community.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

This action will have no impact to the County General Fund.

The construction cost of \$324,191.19 is included in the Fifth Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Road Fund Budget.

The enclosure includes the amount of the recommended contract as compared with the engineer's estimate, the other bids received, and more detailed fiscal and financial information.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The contract agreement will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel. The recommended contract was solicited on an open competitive basis and is in accordance with applicable Federal, State, and County requirements. The contractor is in compliance with the Chief Executive Officer's and your Board's requirements.

The award of this contract will not result in unauthorized disclosure of confidential information and will be in full compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations. This contract contains terms and conditions supporting your Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County of Los Angeles' (County) Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the County's Child

Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; the County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the County to award construction contracts to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, which is defined as the firm that: (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the County to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by each respective contractor was considered before making this recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On February 1, 2011, Agenda Item 32, you Board found this project categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The contract was solicited on an open-competitive basis in accordance with the provisions of the State Public Contract Code.

The State Labor Code requires contractors to pay prevailing wage rates to all persons employed on public works construction contracts. These rates are determined by the Department of Industrial Relations and include contributions for fringe benefits such as vacations, pension funds, training, and health plans for each employee.

To further increase contractor awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, this project was listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

Public Works will review and approve the Faithful Performance and payment bonds filed by the contractor.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This construction contract will result in improved public works infrastructure in the community where the work is scheduled.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER
Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

AWARD OF CONTRACT
May 31, 2011

PROJECT ID NO. RDC0015182 – COLORADO BOULEVARD STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS, (in the unincorporated community of East Pasadena), Supervisorial District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Reconstruction of medians; construction of landscaping, irrigation systems, river rock paving, and a monument sign; and the performance of other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: February 1, 2011 (Agenda Item 32)

BID OPENING DATE: March 1, 2011

BID SUMMARY:

Low	America West Landscape, Inc. 15086 La Palma Drive Chino, California 91710 (909) 393-6300	\$324,191.19
2	Yakar	\$381,969.50
3	FS Construction	\$404,768.00
4	STL Landscape, Inc.	\$416,687.00
5	Pima Corporation	\$418,118.00
6	MG Construction and Development, Inc.	\$419,962.25
7	Gentry Brothers, Inc.	\$432,034.00
8	All American Asphalt	\$456,369.20
9	Mariposa Landscape, Inc.	\$457,893.46
10	Excel Paving Company	\$473,968.00
11	Midori landscape, Inc.	\$496,600.13
12	Rock Bottom, Inc.	\$528,148.35
13	Marina Landscape, Inc.	\$552,379.00
14	Oceanstate Developments, Inc.	\$554,165.00

Access Pacific, Inc., submitted a bid in the amount of \$343,986; however, the firm listed subcontractors to perform more than 50 percent of the work. Therefore, its bid was found nonresponsive and rejected as provided in the Instructions to Bidders.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$497,154.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$324,191.19
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$172,962.81

The amount of the recommended contract is 35 percent below the estimate.

Financing for this project is included in the Fifth Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Road Fund Budget. The Road Fund will be reimbursed with Fifth Supervisorial District Funds in the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Public Works General Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

American West Landscape, Inc., has one MWBE subcontractor/supplier under this contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On February 1, 2011, Agenda Item 32, your Board found this project categorically exempt.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 40 working days. It is estimated the work will start in July 2011 and be completed in September 2011.

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